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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## JOHN P. HESTER KILLS ONE MAN AND WOUNDS ANOTHER AT EVINSTON

Postmaster Barron Seriously  
Wounded and Son Killed.

FEELING LONG EXISTED

Between the Men, it is Said, Which  
Terminated Fatally--All Parties  
Prominent, and Tragedy Was a Great  
Shock to Evinston People.

Evinston was the scene of a tragedy  
late hour Wednesday afternoon in  
which were involved a trio of the most  
prominent citizens and business men  
of that section, in which W. O. Barron,  
postmaster and merchant, was seriously  
wounded, and his son, Watt Barron,  
was killed, by John P. Hester, a mer-  
chant of that place.

From the best information which  
could be obtained by telephone the  
shooting occurred in the little postof-  
fice and store of Mr. Barron.

For several months, it is understood,  
Barron and Hester have not been on  
the best of terms, and recently, it is  
said, Hester reported Barron to the  
Postoffice Department at Washington  
for mismanagement of the affairs of  
the Evinston office. Wednesday  
afternoon Mr. Hester, who owns  
and conducts a mercantile estab-  
lishment just across the railroad  
track from the Barron store and post-  
office, sent a messenger for his  
mail. Postmaster Barron refused to  
deliver the mail without an order, and  
informed the messenger, requesting  
him to return to Hester and secure a  
written order. Instead of complying  
with this request, it is said that Hester  
secured a shot gun from his store and  
proceeded to the postoffice, when the  
shooting occurred, the postmaster be-  
ing wounded severely.

Watt Barron, son of the postmaster,  
who was superintending the loading of  
some watermelons, heard the report of  
the gun and started for the store. Just  
after he left the car, which was not  
more than fifty yards from the scene,  
he met Hester, who opened fire upon  
him, killing him instantly.

Dr. Montgomery of Micanopy states  
that while the elder Barron is serious-  
ly wounded, the chances are good for  
his recovery with proper attention.

The affair has cast a gloom over the  
people of Evinston, as all parties con-  
nected are prominent and popular.

### NO ARMISTICE IN SIGHT.

The War Has Now Been Carried Into  
Africa.

Phor. J. A. ORMOND,

Principal Negro School,  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Sir: In your article of July 1st you  
say: "Having presented the facts in  
the case, I leave it in the hands of the  
'honest public' and intend to have no  
more to say on the subject." In the  
Sun of the 18th instant you surprise  
me by breaking your pledge. In this  
last article you apologize for what you  
have said and of course you have  
stopped (?). While I own that it was  
a little noble on your part to see that  
you had done wrong and have apolog-  
ized, I must tell you that it was not  
necessary, as I always consider the  
source and do not take offence at men  
of towering intellect in high places  
like yourself. I own that it is a little  
unkind on my part to notice you after  
you have closed this controversy, which  
you opened in ambush and closed  
hiding behind a —, but I do it think-  
ing you may have forgotten to say  
something. I am anxious to finish  
while we are at it, as I expect to be too  
busy in a short time to "waste my val-  
uable time shooting grasshoppers,"  
and besides, I find from experience  
that the bore of my gun is too large  
for such game. As you say, "we un-  
derstand each other."

In closing permit me to remind you  
that two wrongs never made a right.  
You cannot be held guiltless for teach-  
ing a negro school, simply because the  
great men to whom you refer have  
erred. Do not forget that "little boats  
must stay near the shore." You are  
indeed unique. Respectfully,  
J. L. KELLEY,  
Gainesville, Fla., July 19, 1905.

### GONE TO REST.

Death of Miss Catherine Hill of New-  
berry on Friday Last.

On Friday morning, July 14th, 1905,  
after a long illness of typhoid fever,  
Miss Catherine, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. B. Hill of Newberry, passed  
away in the 19th year of her age.

She had been a sufferer from this  
dread disease for twenty days, and  
notwithstanding that all that medical  
skill could render was done that her  
life might be spared, the end came at  
8 a. m. on Friday.

Miss Catherine was a devoted Chris-  
tian, being a steadfast member of Mt.  
Zion Baptist Church and highly es-  
teemed by all who knew her, and the  
sympathy of the entire community is  
extended to the bereaved parents in  
their hour of sorrow in the loss of their  
dearly beloved daughter. May we all  
follow her noble example and surren-  
der ourselves to His care, so that it  
can be said of us when called hence,  
"Gone to rest."

The funeral took place from the  
house at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, Rev.  
J. E. Hodge officiating, and was at-  
tended by a large number of sorrowing  
relatives and friends. The interment  
took place in the Jonesville cemetery.  
L. J. S.

### AN OLD LANDMARK.

Aunt Caroline, One of the Faithful Old  
Mamas.

By the death of Aunt Caroline Da-  
vis, mention of which was made in The  
Sun of Tuesday, another landmark has  
been removed from our midst, and one  
by one they are departing for the beau-  
tiful shore, where all true and faith-  
ful servants have been promised sweet  
rest.

The writer has known Old Aunt Car-  
oline ever since he was three years old,  
and knew her former master and mis-  
tress, Col and Mrs. Edward Lewis.  
When he first knew them they lived  
near Rockmount, S. C., where Sher-  
man's army crossed the Catawba river.  
Colonel Lewis moved to Florida  
in 1852, and Old Aunt Caroline was  
brought with them as she was Mrs.  
Lewis' waiting maid and they were  
very devoted to each other.

Aunt Caroline's first husband was  
John Cloud and belonged to Dr. Cloud  
of Fairfield District, S. C., the father-  
in-law of General Earle, but after  
being separated she still remained sin-  
gle for several years. Her oldest son  
was named John, and was killed by  
the falling of the kitchen of the old  
Oak Hall, then standing where the  
government building is to be erected.  
One of her sons is Lawrence Davis, the  
bake, the other one living at Tampa.

The writer was very much surprised  
on seeing the notice of the death of  
the good old mama, for he always was  
glad to meet her and talk over old  
times, as he did just a few days ago.  
On being asked where she was stopping  
she said "with the children," meaning  
Mrs. Stringfellow and Mrs. Harper, as  
she always looked upon them as though  
they were her own.

I hope she may rest in peace, as she  
has spent a long life of usefulness,  
and when the last trump is sounded,  
may she be among the faithful, is the  
wish of the writer.  
J. D.

### Alabama Soldiers in Camp.

Montgomery, Ala., July 19.—The  
First regiment, Alabama national  
guard, is in camp at Pickett Springs,  
having come in Monday. They will  
be there several days. Colonel R. B.  
Dumont of Mobile, is in command. The  
Second regiment at Electric park, is  
considering the idea of some competi-  
tive drills with the members of the  
First, which will likely come about.

### Yacht Thistle Has Returned.

New York, July 19.—The schooner  
yacht Thistle which completed in the  
trans-Atlantic race for the Empress  
William cup several weeks ago arrived  
at New York on the return voyage to-  
day.

## TO EXPOSE ENTIRE METHOD OF LEAKS

Secretary Wilson Has Impor-  
tant Letter On File.

REPORT WAS TAMPERED WITH

It is Asserted that the Communication  
Gives in Detail the Manner in Which  
the Government Report Was Falsi-  
fied.

New York, July 19.—A letter is now  
in the hands of Secretary of Agricul-  
ture Wilson, says the Herald, the con-  
tents of which have been sworn to,  
relates in details, methods said to have  
been pursued in the alleged purports  
to expose the entire inner workings  
of the plans. No information is  
vouchsafed by the Herald to the writer  
of the letter, but he is said to be one  
of the men whose connection with the  
affair is a matter of public knowledge  
but whose identity is withheld for the  
present. The assertions contained in  
the letter, continues the Herald, re-  
late in minute detail the precise man-  
ner in which the official report was  
tampered with; who took part in the  
operation, to what extent the fraud  
was perpetuated and where and how  
the proofs of the charges in the let-  
ter may be.

Richard Cheatham and Harvie Jordan,  
respectively secretary and presi-  
dent of the cotton growers' association  
who, with active co-operation of sev-  
eral New York men, have conducted a  
private investigation here, are now in  
Washington where they expect to con-  
fer with Secretary Wilson over the  
contents of the letter. That the letter  
is accurate in its information is de-  
clared beyond doubt. An outline of its  
contents has been given to Morgan  
Beach, district attorney for the Dis-  
trict of Columbia, one of the officials  
employed to take up the investigation  
that brought Mr. Beach to New York  
Monday to enter into consultation with  
the counsel retained by the Southern  
Cotton Growers' association, and take  
over the evidence they had discovered.

### Statistician Hyde Resigns.

Washington, July 19.—Chief Statist-  
ician Hyde, of the department of agri-  
culture, today resigned his position,  
and the resignation has been accepted  
by Secretary Wilson. Assistant Sec-  
retary Hays has been detailed to take  
charge of the statistical work until  
the vacancy shall be filled.

### Warships Sail to Meet Squadron.

Newport, R. I., July 19.—The second  
division of the battleship squadron of  
the North Atlantic fleet under com-  
mand of Rear Admiral Sligsbee sailed  
today bringing the squadron of battle-  
ships which is conveying the body of  
John Paul Jones to this country from  
France. The warships will separate  
and cruise between here and Hamp-  
ton Roads, Va., always within wireless  
communication with one another.  
When the warships which are trans-  
porting the body are located, by wire-  
less messages Rear Admiral Davis'   
ships will assemble and escort the in-  
ward bound fleet to Hampton Roads.  
Tomorrow the first division of the bat-  
tleship squadron will sail from New-  
port for Hampton Roads.

### Want to Dispose Emperor Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—12:05 p. m.  
—A sensational rumor is current here  
today that a large party of the zem-  
stvoists and doumaists at Moscow are  
in favor of the proclamation of the  
disposition of Emperor Nicholas and  
the establishment of a regency for  
the Grand Duke Alexis-Nikolayevitch  
(the infant son of the emperor and  
heir to the throne) under four grand  
dukes. It is alleged that for this reason  
the meeting of the all-Russian zem-  
stvoist and doumaist congress,  
which was to take place tomorrow at  
Moscow, has been prohibited.

### Press Clubs Meet in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., July 19.—The fif-  
teenth annual convention of the Inter-  
national Association of Press clubs be-  
gan here today. The first session was  
devoted to addresses of welcome and  
responses and organization work.

## SIX PERSONS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Hotel At Wabasha, Minn., Con-  
sumed By Flames.

MAY BE OTHERS IN THE RUINS

Conflagration Was Caused by the Ex-  
plosion of a Gas Tank Used for Illu-  
minating purposes—List of Dead  
Whose Bodies Have Been Found.

St. Paul, July 19.—At Wabasha,  
Minn., six persons were burned to  
death in a fire which early today de-  
stroyed the depot hotel.

The dead:  
Mrs. A. Hoffman and baby.  
Robert Johnson, expressman.  
Gertrude Sentscher.  
Rebecca Herman.  
James Hunt.

There may be other bodies in the  
ruins.

The fire was caused by the explosion  
of a gas tank used for an illuminating  
plant.

### THE STOKES-PASTOR WEDDING.

Rich Young Man Weds a Poor Girl.  
A Love Match.

Stamford, Conn., July 19.—The wed-  
ding of Miss Rose Pastor to John G.  
Phelps Stokes, second son of Anson  
Phelps Stokes, which took place at  
noon today in St. Luke's Episcopal  
church at Noroton, was exceedingly  
modest in its apartments, although to  
Noroton people it was the social event  
of the season.

The ceremony was performed by  
Rev. Louis French, the rector of St.  
Luke's, assisted by the groom's brother,  
Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of  
New Haven, secretary of Yale univer-  
sity. There were no bridesmaids, Mrs.  
Henry Rauh, of Indianapolis, formerly  
Miss Myer, of Cleveland, was matron  
of honor. The ushers were his brothers,  
I. N. Phelps Stokes and Harold  
Phelps Stokes and his brothers in law,  
Robert Hunter and John Sherman  
Hoyt. The best man was Kellogg  
Durand, one of the youngest of the  
resident workers at the University set-  
tlement in New York.

The bride wore a simple dress of  
white mousseline de soie. Palms and  
daisies were used in the church de-  
corations.

### Girl Indicted for Murder.

New York, July 19.—Bertha Caliche,  
the French girl indicted for murder in  
the first degree by the grand jury for  
the murder of Gendron, pleaded not  
guilty today and was remanded for  
trial. No attempt was made to secure  
an early trial for the girl, and she  
will have to remain in prison until the  
fall session. The girl, who says that  
for six years past Gendron made her  
lead an immoral life, and that she  
killed him to escape this slavery, and  
looked very pale and wan when led  
back to prison. Sympathetic women  
who paid a lawyer to defend her dur-  
ing the preliminary examination have  
retained legal counsel for her during  
the coming trial.

### Swam the Niagara Rapids.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 19.—Car-  
liste D. Graham, of this city, and Wil-  
liam J. Glover, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.,  
successfully swam the lower rapids of  
the Niagara river from the American  
side of the whirlpool to Lewiston. The  
distance of 4 miles was covered in 26  
minutes by Glover. The start was  
made at 4:02 p. m. from Flat Rock,  
which is on the American side. The  
swimmers did not venture in the upper  
rapids where Captain Webb lost his  
life. Both men wore life belts and  
inflated rubber rings around their  
necks.

### Dies Suddenly After Interview.

Chicago, July 19.—Shortly after a  
stormy interview with her husband  
with whom she had not lived for sev-  
eral years, Mrs. Kate M. Cleary, well  
known in Chicago as a newspaper and  
magazine writer, has died suddenly of  
heart disease at the door of her room  
in a hotel. Her husband, M. T. Cleary,  
had called with two of their four chil-  
dren to see her.

## ALACHUA COURT SEEMS VERY SLOW

No Decision Has Yet Been Ren-  
dered in Sessions Murder Case.

IN SESSION SINCE MONDAY

Court Being Conducted Behind Closed  
Doors, and None But Those Con-  
nected With Same Are Allowed En-  
trance—Little Excitement at Alachua.

From Wednesday's Daily Sun.

While no definite particulars as re-  
gards evidence in the killing of young  
Lou Sessions at Old Newnansville some  
time during Saturday night have been  
learned, parties from Alachua state  
that a young white man, N. Slaughter,  
and two negroes, Lewis Sullivan and  
Sam Jackson, have been arrested in  
connection with the case.

Just what time the killing occurred  
is not known. About 10 o'clock Sun-  
day morning a colored man went to  
the home of Robert Davis, Newnans-  
ville, and told Mr. Davis that a man  
was lying drunk or sick in the road a  
few rods in the rear of his (Davis')  
home. Mr. Davis, in company with  
Mr. Love and the negro, went to the  
scene, when they recognized Sessions  
and discovered that he had been mur-  
dered.

A coroner's jury was empanelled and  
sat upon the case Sunday afternoon.  
Monday, the defendants were ar-  
raigned before Justice Caswell at Ala-  
chua. The decision of the court has  
not yet reached this city.

### An Alachua Report.

Alachua, July 18.—The trial of N.  
Slaughter, charged with the murder of  
Lou Sessions, is still on. The trial is  
being heard before Judge Caswell and  
has been in progress since Monday af-  
ternoon at 2 o'clock. No one but those  
chiefly connected with the case are al-  
lowed in the court room, hence it is  
impossible to learn how the trial is  
progressing.

A great many people are here to at-  
tend the trial, but there is very little  
excitement. It is thought probable  
the trial will close tonight, but the  
outcome cannot be forecasted.

## N. SLAUGHTER WAS RELEASED

After Preliminary, Evidence Not  
Sufficient to Hold Him.

WAS SUSPECTED OF MURDER

The Hearing Was Conducted Privately.

Only Those Directly Interested and  
Witnesses Being Admitted, and Con-  
siderable Dissatisfaction Exists

From Thursday's Daily Sun.

Alachua, July 19.—The trial of N.  
Slaughter, arrested on suspicion of the  
murder of Lou Sessions, was concluded  
in Justice Caswell's court Tuesday  
night, after occupying nearly two days,  
and the suspect was released, as the  
evidence was not sufficient to hold.

The evidence has not been made pub-  
lic, and a good deal of disappointment  
is the result.

### Slaughter Rearrested.

Not content with the finding of the  
coroner's jury in the case, P. Sessions,  
father of Lou Sessions the murdered  
man, caused a warrant to be issued for  
Slaughter and he was rearrested by  
Deputy Sheriff Granger at his father's  
farm, where the officer found him en-  
gaged in pulling fodder. Slaughter  
took his arrest coolly. He was brought  
to this city this morning and placed in  
prison and a preliminary hearing will  
be given Saturday.

Attorney J. M. Rivers is represent-  
ing Slaughter.

The orange groves at Sharps City  
Point, Rockledge, Bonaventure and  
Merritt's Island have a fair crop, but  
not as large as last year. The trees as  
a rule, are in splendid condition so  
that the fruit will be of the very best  
quality.